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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the Applicant submits the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** None. A current listing of claims is presented beginning at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** in 4 pages is included, wherein Appendix A is Figure 8 of the application, and Appendix B are drawings discussed in a teleconference on July 22, 2004.

Applicant believes that the filing of this paper is within the allotted shortened statutory period for reply. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for an extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this patent application, and charge Deposit Account No. 50-0510 for any required fee deficiency.